



*Abraham Believed the Lord,
and the Lord Credited It to
Him as Righteousness.*

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music & Greeting

Opening Hymn

“O Blessed, Holy Trinity”
Christian Worship 584

The Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

The Confession of Sins

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

Lord have Mercy

P: Jesus lived for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose victorious from the grave. Through his precious work and gracious intercession, we know God the Father will hear and answer us for our good. With this confidence, we pray:

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer — cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise; hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

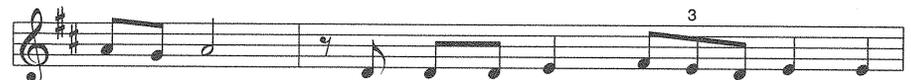


C: A — — men!

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise;



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glor- ious is your name in



all the earth. Al—might—y God, mer- ci- ful Fa—ther,



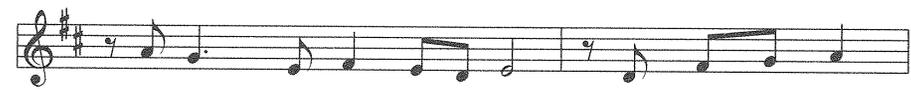
you crown our life with your love. You take a- way our sin;



you com — fort our spir—it; you make us pure and



Ho—ly in your sight. You did not spare your on— ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



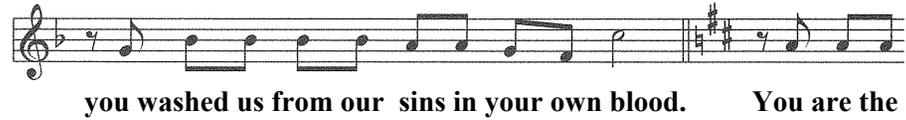
how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e—ter—nal Word of the Fa—ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa—ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo—ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: O gracious Lord, the author and giver of every good and complete gift, we recognize how generous you are. We humbly ask, continue to bless us with the gifts we truly need—the assurance of our forgiveness; the grace to serve you with a pleasing life; a strong and unshakable faith. With these we can meet and overcome every challenge. With these we can also live a good and God-pleasing life while we patiently anticipate the glorious life you have prepared for us in heaven. Be with us. Bless us. Keep us strong in our trust in you, our glorious and gracious God—Father, Son, and Spirit.



C: A — — men!

The Lessons from God's Word

Old Testament

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these events the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

²Abram said, “LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³Abram also said, “Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir.”

⁴Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, “This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir.” ⁵The LORD then brought him outside and said, “Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” He said to Abram, “This is what your descendants will be like.” ⁶Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 121

Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone



I lift up my eyes | to the hills, *
where does my help | come from?

My help comes | from the LORD, *
the Maker of heav- | en and earth.

He will not let your | foot slip,
he who watches over you will not | slumber;

Indeed, he who watches over | Israel,
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.

Refrain

The LORD watches o- | ver you, *
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand.

The LORD will keep you | from all harm, *
he will watch o- | ver your life;

The LORD will watch over you coming and | going; *
both now and for- | evermore.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain



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Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone



Epistle

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see. ²For by this faith the ancients were commended in Scripture.

³By faith we know that the universe was created by God's word, so that what is seen did not come from visible things.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance, and he left without knowing where he was going.

⁹By faith he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land, as if it

did not belong to him, dwelling in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith Abraham also received the ability to conceive children, even though Sarah herself was barren and he was past the normal age, because he considered him faithful who made the promise. ¹²And so from one man, and he as good as dead, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand along the seashore.

¹³One by one, all of these died in faith, without having received the things that were promised, but they saw and welcomed them from a distance. They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴Indeed, people who say things like that make it clear that they are looking for a land of their own. ¹⁵And if they were remembering the land they had come from, they would have had an opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better land—a heavenly one. For that reason, God is not ashamed to be called their God, because he prepared a city for them.

Verse of the Day

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. Through faith you are being protected by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Alleluia!



C: Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia!



These words are writ — ten that we may be—lieve that



Je—sus is the Christ, the Son — of God.



Al—le— lu— ia! Al—le— lu— ia! Al—le— lu— ia!

The Gospel

Luke 12:22–34

²²Jesus said to his disciples, “For that reason I tell you, stop worrying about your life, about what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³Certainly life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap; they have no warehouse or barn; and yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds! ²⁵And who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his lifespan? ²⁶Since you are not able to do this little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith? ²⁹Do not constantly chase after what you will eat or what you will drink. Do not be worried about it. ³⁰To be sure, the nations of the world chase after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, continue to seek the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes

near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: This is the Word of our God; the foundation of our faith; and the strength to persevere.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

“How Firm a Foundation”
Christian Worship 416

Sermon

Genesis 15:1-6

“Lord, Strengthen My Faith!”

To remove every doubt and fear
To receive every righteousness

The Confession of Faith

(We join in the words of the Nicene Creed)

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father;
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

**He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

Thanksgiving

Prayers for the Day

Special Prayers and Requests

Prayer for those receiving the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer

(spoken with the pastor)

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

Hymn of Preparation

“I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”
Christian Worship 310 st. 1-2, 6

I come, O Savior, to your table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able
To satisfy and make me whole.
Lord, may your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Oh, grant that I in manner worthy
May now trust solely in your Word,
And, conscious of the sins before me,
Look only unto you, O Lord.
Lord, may your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now your guest.
Lord, may your body and your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!



The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He has blessed us with his precious promises and his faithful word, giving us the confidence to put our trust in him. Through him has come salvation, power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority to rule over all things. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

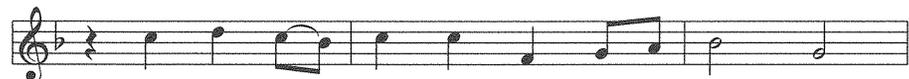
Sanctus



C: Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly, is the Lord of hosts;



The whole earth is full of your glo—ry.



You are my God, and I will ex—alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be—come my sal-



va—tion. Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo — ry.

The Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The Blessing of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A ——— men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the



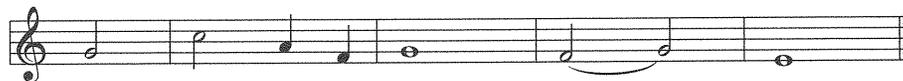
world; have mer—cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a—way the sin of the world; have mer—cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A ——— men.

The Congregation may be seated for the Distribution

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Jesus Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. If you have not communed with us before or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today. We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.

Thanksgiving

Song of Thanksgiving

(Congregation rises and sings)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu — ia!

Closing Prayer:

P: O gracious Lord, how good you are and how blessed you have made us. Even though we come burdened with guilt, stained with sin, and humbled by our rebellion, you have forgiven us. Through your gracious Word, together with Jesus body and blood, you have declared every spot and stain completely washed away. Make this good news the source of our peace and joy. When we daily struggle with sin, lead us to acknowledge it, and humbly confess our guilt. Make every blessing Jesus secured by his death and resurrection our highest good, and the assurance of your unyielding love. As we live in anticipation of life in heaven, be our comfort, our strength, as well as our confidence to trust you completely. Bless us, now and always, as we live in your love—our true, Triune, and gracious God.



C: A ——— men.

The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A — men. A ——— men. A ——— men.

Closing Hymn

“I Am Trusting, You, Lord Jesus”

Christian Worship 446

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today—*Welcome in Name of our gracious Savior, Jesus Christ!*

What a blessing we have received to be nourished with the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. With our faith strengthened and our hearts reassured, we can trust the Lord without doubt or rival. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book, and worship again, soon!

- Following the worship service there will be time for fellowship and a snack.
- Bible Class will begin at 11:00. The lesson for the day will concentrate on Jesus’ words: “continually seek the kingdom of God.”

Tuesday—Church Council meeting at 7:00 pm. Committees will follow at 8:00 pm.

Wednesday—Continue with your personal Bible Study. Remem-

ber, seven days without the Word of God makes on “weak.”

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30 am—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Church Cleaning—Florez

- Lawn beginning August 6th—Brown

Sunday, August 14th—In Person Worship and Live Streaming at 9:30 am. There are times when we feel alone. We believe God has moved away from us, but is this really the situation. We want to consider the words of the prophet Jeremiah, “Am I a God who is only nearby and not a God far away?”

- Christian Education will review the great joy and comfort we receive from the exhortation: “Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal.”

Thank You

To Jim Brown, our Hymnsoft operator; to Jim Everson and Josh Schueler for controlling the audio and video of the live stream; to Sue Proeber for providing flowers for the altar—to the glory of God and in joyful thanks for all of his blessings.

Beach, Bike, Barbeque

Our next fellowship and outreach activity will be Sunday, August 28th—the annual gathering at Goleta Beach. Lunch will begin around noon. Please bring a side dish to pass and a dessert. You may also bring snacks to munch on while games are being played. The meat and drinks will be provided.

As in the past we will meet at Area C. If you are planning to bike, please speak with Pastor about arrangements.

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